

SB2233



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

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Introduced 2/27/2019, by Sen. Sue Rezin

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

Appropriates \$2,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Village of Coal City for the debt incurred by the municipality for its cleanup and recovery efforts following the destruction from the EF-3 tornado on June 22, 2015. Includes a preamble concerning the costs relating to the EF-3 tornado. Effective immediately.

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BUDGET NOTE
ACT MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning appropriations.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented**
3 **in the General Assembly:**

4 WHEREAS, The Village of Coal City experienced an EF-3
5 tornado on June 22, 2015 resulting in damage to nearly one-
6 third of its total housing stock and requiring the complete
7 reconstruction of 160 residential structures; and

8 WHEREAS, The Village experienced significant blight
9 conditions and cleared its streets in an urgent manner to
10 restore the character of the community and aid in the
11 reconstruction of what had been lost; and

12 WHEREAS, The Village called upon multiple mutual aid
13 response networks, including, but not limited to, the Illinois
14 Public Works Mutual Aid Network, the Illinois Law Enforcement
15 Alarm System, and the South Suburban Building Officials
16 Association, and received different types of support from the
17 non-profit community through the assistance of the Village's
18 local ecumenical community and relief agencies, such as the
19 Salvation Army, Catholic Charities, Team Rubicon, and the
20 American Red Cross, limiting the overall recovery expenditures
21 in order to restore the community from the chaos that came with

1 the weather on June 22, 2015; and

2 WHEREAS, The multiple events connected with the multiple
3 funnel clouds that wreaked havoc throughout the Village
4 resulted in emergency response expenditures totaling
5 approximately \$15,100,000, which exceeded the federal funding
6 formula threshold required to receive federal aid for costs
7 related to the June 22, 2015 tornado by 84%; and

8 WHEREAS, Although the total aggregate emergency response
9 expenditures exceeded the minimum Federal Emergency Management
10 Agency federal funding threshold, the Illinois Emergency
11 Management Agency did not recommend that the Governor pursue
12 federal participation in the relief for qualified emergency
13 expenditures; and

14 WHEREAS, Because of this failure to act, the Village was
15 forced to sell alternate revenue bonds in 2015 in order to
16 raise the funds necessary to provide the public works necessary
17 to reestablish impaired infrastructure, maintain security
18 throughout the response, and renovate impacted neighborhoods;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois offered any assistance
21 possible and necessary to assist with the cleanup from the June

1 22, 2015 tornado but has been unable to provide any funding for
2 the alternate revenue bonds of 2015; and

3 WHEREAS, Besides working closely with the State of
4 Illinois, the Village diligently worked on alternative
5 solutions for identifying additional revenues, including hiring
6 additional staff and consulting services to identify qualified
7 State programming, continuously responding to requests by the
8 State of Illinois for information to attempt in qualifying past
9 expenses for existing state programs, and attempting to receive
10 permission from the residents of the Village to receive home
11 rule authority to generate additional revenue to assist with
12 the upcoming debt payments; therefore

13 Section 5. The sum of \$2,000,000, or so much of that sum
14 as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue
15 Fund to the Village of Coal City for the debt incurred by the
16 municipality for its cleanup and recovery efforts following the
17 destruction from the EF-3 tornado on June 22, 2015.

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
19 becoming law.